Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Communication and media shape the ways we understand and interact in our social worlds. The 45-unit Bachelor of Arts in Communication degree helps students develop valuable communication understandings and skills through a deep, practical, timely, and relevant curriculum. Five core courses expose students to major communication institutions and processes, theoretical perspectives and research techniques for studying those phenomena, and career pathways and ethical considerations for communication professionals. Students deepen these understandings and sharpen their skills by specializing in one of three concentrations: Relational and Organizational Communication, Media Studies, and Strategic Communication. Further, a wide range of Experiential Learning courses gives students hands-on experience in communication and media practices to prepare them for their careers. Together, this mix of theory and practice prepares students for a lifetime of personal, civic, and professional communication, including careers in various fields, such as: human resources, training and development; journalism, broadcasting, and filmmaking; digital/social media strategy and management; strategic communication for corporations, non-profits, and government entities; and many others.

Requirements (45 units)

Total units required for graduation: 120

Requirements for the B.A. in Communication

Core course requirements (15)

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<td>Communication, Self, and Others</td>
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<td>COMM 3102</td>
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<td>COMM 4101</td>
<td>Communication Research Methodology</td>
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<td>COMM 4102</td>
<td>Ethical Aspects of Communication</td>
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Experiential Learning requirements (6)

Students choose six units from at least two of the following experiential learning courses. In these courses, students apply Communication theories and practices in supervised, "hands-on" activities, and they reflect on those experiences. Students can only apply six experiential learning units toward the B.A. in Communication; however, additional experiential learning units may contribute to a minor (where applicable), or to a student's general graduation requirements (120 units).

Experiential learning courses may not be used as elective units, either in the B.A. in Communication or its respective concentrations.

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Electives (6)

In addition to the Communication core, experiential learning, and concentration coursework, students choose six elective units in COMM coursework to broaden and deepen their understandings of communication processes. Students can only apply six elective units toward the B.A. in Communication; however, additional elective units may contribute to a minor (where applicable), or to a student's general graduation requirements (120 units).

Elective courses should be chosen in consultation with an advisor and, in the case of non-departmental electives, the approval of the chair. COMM 1000, 1002, 1006, and 1007 may not be applied toward the B.A. in Communication.

Concentration (18)

A minimum of 18 units from one of the following concentrations below to be chosen in consultation with an advisor.

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<td>COMM 4291</td>
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Total Units 45

Note: Transfer students from a California community college who earned an appropriate Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AD-T) in communication may complete the B.A. in Communication by selecting any of the three concentrations.
Concentrations (18 units)

Relational and Organizational Communication Concentration (18 units)
(Program Code: CMRO)

Core (9)
COMM 2201 Intercultural Communication 3
COMM 4202 Relational Communication 3
COMM 4203 Organizational Communication 3

Electives (9)
Nine units chosen from:
COMM 2231 Small Group Communication
COMM 2251 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication
COMM 3211 Business and Professional Communication
COMM 3212 Persuasion
COMM 3227 Topics in Relational and Organizational Communication
COMM 3230 Nonverbal Communication
COMM 3231 Communication for Training Programs
COMM 4211 Communication and Gender
COMM 4222 Communication and Conflict
COMM 4231 Classroom Communication
COMM 4241 Interviewing
COMM 5222 Mediation Theory and Practice
COMM 5267 Advanced Topics in Relational and Organizational Communication
COMM 5280 Culture and Ethnicity in Language
COMM 5952 Independent Study
COMM 5953 Independent Study
COMM 5954 Independent Study

Total Units 18

Media Studies Concentration (18 units)
(Program Code: CMMS)

Core (9)
COMM 3301 Media Institutions in Context 3
COMM 3305 Digital Media and Society 3
COMM 2301 Newswriting and Reporting 3
 or COMM 3354 Fundamentals of Screenwriting

Electives (9)
Nine units chosen from any of the following areas:
COMM 3319 Topics in Media Studies
COMM 4301 Gender, Race, and Class in Media
COMM 4302 Latinx, Media, and Cultures
COMM 4303 Global Communication
COMM 4304 Media Effects
COMM 4305 Advertising as Social Communication
COMM 5301 Media Sex and Violence
COMM 5302 Communication Law and Policy
COMM 5303 Muslim Women in Media and Society
COMM 5319 Advanced Topics in Media Studies

Film Studies
COMM 3331 The Development of Motion Pictures
COMM 3332 Movies in the Digital Age
COMM 3333 Film Analysis
COMM 3334 Global Cinema
COMM 3339 Topics in Film Studies
COMM 5339 Advanced Topics in Film Studies

Digital Production
COMM 2351 Television Studio Production
COMM 3355 Visual Communication
COMM 3351 Introduction to Digital Video Editing
COMM 3353 Digital Video Field Production
COMM 3354 Fundamentals of Screenwriting
COMM 3359 Topics in Digital Production
COMM 3361 Digital Audio and Radio Production
COMM 4355 Digital Filmmaking I
COMM 4356 Digital Filmmaking II
COMM 5359 Advanced Topics in Digital Production

Multimedia Journalism
COMM 2301 Newswriting and Reporting
COMM 3371 Multimedia Journalism
COMM 3372 Publication Design
COMM 3379 Topics in Multimedia Journalism
COMM 5379 Advanced Topics in Multimedia Journalism
COMM 5952 Independent Study
COMM 5953 Independent Study
COMM 5954 Independent Study

Total Units 18

Strategic Communication Concentration (18 units)
(Program Code: CMSC)

Core Requirements (15)
COMM 2301 Newswriting and Reporting 3
COMM 3401 Introduction to Strategic Communication 3
COMM 3402 Writing for Public Relations 3
COMM 4401 Strategic Communication Campaigns 3
COMM 5401 Crisis Communication 3

Electives (3)
Three units chosen from:
ADMN 1500 Introduction to Administration
COMM 3211 Business and Professional Communication
COMM 3212 Persuasion
COMM 3372 Publication Design
COMM 3403 Business Literacy for Strategic Communication

1 If not already completed as a concentration core course.
**Specialized Concentration (18 units)**

(Program Code: CMSP)

Students may propose a unique, individualized and specialized 18-unit concentration if the proposed concentration is viable and if it fulfills objectives that cannot be met through one of the other Communication Studies concentrations (e.g., Media Studies, Relational and Organizational, and Strategic Communication). To be eligible for the Specialized Concentration, students must complete a proposal (pre-generated questions) for their program plan, including all the communication courses that they intend to take in the concentration and a rationale for the course of study. The proposal will be reviewed by a Communication Studies faculty advisor before a student can be approved for this concentration. Before declaring this concentration, a student must have completed the following core classes: COMM 2101, COMM 3101, and COMM 3102. Only 9 units of Communication Studies course work completed prior to such approval can be applied toward the specialized concentration. Importantly, not intended to bypass normal graduation requirements or to avoid certain requirements of a regular concentration offered by the department.

The Specialized Concentration Proposal Form can be located on the Department of Communication Studies website under FAQs: https://www.csusb.edu/communication-studies/graduate/frequently-asked-questions-0